

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 7, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, June 7th, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 24th meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 28th special Commissioners meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 28th Executive Secession. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FORT WAYNE ROAD SPEED LIMIT

Terri Nigh, Fort Wayne Road resident appeared before the commissioners submitting fifty (50) signatures of individuals petitioning the commissioners to increase the speed limit from the current reduced 30 mph from 200 North along Ft. Wayne Rd to the City limits. Ken Masters made the motion to set a public hearing for July 19th at 9:30 am for the purpose of holding discussion. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Currently the 30 mph speed limit is set at 300 North from St Rd 3 to Ft Wayne Rd. It is also 30 mph along Ft. Wayne Rd from 200 North on into the city limits.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, reported that the Area Plan Commission heard during their May 25th meeting and gave a favorable recommendation for Steven and Kathleen Brinker, Jerome and Dora Rudolph, and Daniel and Janice Wells to file a petition to amend the zoning maps of Rush County along the Carthage Knightstown Pike. Ken Masters made the motion to set the matter for public hearing on July 6th at 9:30 am. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Todd also reported that the Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the commissioners for Ronnie D. Cameron to amend the zoning maps. Todd explained that the property owned by Cameron on US Hwy 52 is currently zoned manufacturing. He is requesting that the property be rezoned to residential. Todd noted that housing is not allowed in manufacturing. Todd explained that the Area Plan Commission recommended that the commissioners allow the property be zoned from manufacturing to residential. The commissioners voiced their concerns with spot zoning. Tom Barnes shared his thoughts of a possible rezoning from manufacturing to commercial. Ken Masters made the motion to set the

matter for public hearing on July 6th at 9:30 am. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANDERSON TWP FIRE DEPT

The commissioners reviewed the May run report and received a \$30,000.00 for the 2011 budget year for EMS services for district 4.

Discussion was held regarding the OCRA funding of the EMT course hosted by the department. The commissioners had previously agreed to assist with half of the funding. Deborah Adams, auditor, asked for a copy of an invoice \$1,875.00 Adams explained the necessary process of which to expend the OCRA funds.

E.C.D.C.

Brad Buening, E.C.D.C. director, updated the commissioners on the FTZ zone documents program. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the documents and to participate in the FTZ program. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Buening provided updates to the Cherry Street and the Carthage Mill project.

I – T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, reported that the Verizon courthouse lines are all accounted for. Herbert recommended that the commissioners sign a one year contract. Ken Masters made the motion to approve and sign a one year contract. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Duane Raab, Chief Deputy, reported in the absence of Sheriff Jeff Sherwood who is on vacation. Raab reported forty-seven (47) inmates currently are housed in the Rush County jail, of which eight (8) are sentenced and thirty-nine (39) are pre-sentenced.

Raab provided copies of the Indiana Department of Correction Jail Inspection Report for the commissioners to review. Raab noted that Sheriff Sherwood would address any questions upon his return.

Raab reported that Sheriff Sherwood wanted the commissioners to be aware that he along with other jail personnel has been named in a tort claim. County attorney Leigh Morning has a copy of the claim.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, submitted the May monthly report. Sitton answered questions that there is enough funding for Phase II of the Carthage-Knightstown Pike

project. Phase II should be completed by the end of 2010. Sitton did inform the commissioners that Phase III may incur some problems with right-of way funding.

Sitton reported that he is currently working on acquiring stimulus funding for the 900 West project.

Sitton reported that due to Indiana Bats habituating the area. Trees cannot be cut between April 15 and November 1st for DNR projects.

Sitton updated the commissioners on the Moscow covered bridge. Sitton indicated that the plan is to set the other half of the covered bridge on Wednesday. The only thing that will prevent the setting of the other half of the covered bridge would be the expected 3” of rain.

Sitton and the commissioners discussed the Rush County Fair Board request of the usage of three highway trucks and the volunteer labor of three employees to haul dirt on the 12th and 20th of June. The Fair board has 14 semi loads of dirt to be hauled in to the track and out of the track for track events during the Rush County Fair. The Fair board offered to pay for the fuel used by the county trucks.

Many questions and concerns were raised. Marvin Cole commented that it should be left to Sitton to decide. Sitton did comment that he would prefer not to haul the dirt. Marvin Cole made the motion that if Sitton could benefit the fair board and receives documentation from the SBOA allowing his department to do so then to proceed. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, auditor, asked approval of payroll claims for the period ending June 11th. Adams noted that the payroll included the back pay for EMA deputy Rob Puckett. Adams explained that the council must first approve the transfers and salary ordinance during their council meeting on Wednesday in order for Puckett to actually receive the paycheck. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the payroll claims as outlined. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bi-weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams reported that approval has been received from Auditor of State on tax distribution. The distribution checks are set to be released on June 18th.

Adams reported that she has scheduled a meeting with the DLGF field representative, health board member, and council members to discuss the 2011 budget.

HEALTH

Tom Barnes reported that a small business food establishment has approached the health board in regards to their food permit fee structure. They would like to see a fee structure based upon food sales volume. Barnes indicated that this will be discussed at the next Health board meeting.

FIBER

Tom Barnes reported that Omnicity has the fiber connected and all downtown is also connected. Hancock Telecommunications currently has the fiber contract with Rush Memorial Hospital.

MISC

- Reviewed EMS run reports for Raleigh and Carthage
- Signed a corrected Turnkey contract on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor